

REMARKS

These remarks are set forth in response to the final office action mailed October 1, 2003 (the "Final Office Action"). As this amendment has been timely filed within the three-month statutory period, neither an extension of time nor a fee is required. Presently, claims 1 through 10 are pending in the Patent Application. In paragraph 1 of the Final Office Action, each claim has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,195,696 to Baber et al. ("Baber"). In response, the Applicant through undersigned counsel has amended claim 1 to highlight the inherent distinction between the selectable profiles of Baber and the selectable "web page fields" of the present invention.

Prior to addressing the rejections on the art, a brief review of the Applicant's invention will be appropriate. The Applicant has invented a new and non-obvious server assisted system for accessing web pages from a personal data assistant (PDA). In accordance with the Applicant's invention, the PDA can be configured with a web browser for browsing portal web content through the limited display of the PDA. The portal web content itself can be produced by the portal server through an aggregation of web content sources across the global Internet and even with one or more local Intranets. Importantly, the mix of content included in the portal web content can be selectively chosen by the end user and stored in a user database such that when the end user attempts to link with the portal server through the PDA, the user preferences stored in the user database can be applied to customize the portal view produced in the display of the PDA.

As shown in Figure 5 of the Patent Application, to configure the portal server with individual user preferences, the end user can graphically select web page fields of specified web

pages for use in a portal view. The selection can occur either within a PDA view, or a PC view. In either case, the web page field can be graphically selected by the end user, for instance, using a mouse pointing device. Subsequently, the selected field can be converted into the portal structure for viewing in the PDA. Notably, the converted field can have a PDA representation that may be shown in the PDA and which can be transmitted using a minimum of bandwidth such as compressed bitmap or simple text.

Turning now to the rejections on the art, the Examiner has rejected each of claims 1 through 10 based upon the recitation of Baber. Baber relates to the creation and management of a portal view which can be customized for individual users of the portal. Customizable elements of the view include searching content, real time content such as stock quotes, programmatic content, such as a calculator, and textual content such as hyperlinks to other web pages. The views can be customized using a subscription model for a variety of circumstances including those circumstances relating to limited display devices such as palmtop computers. Yet, the customization of the content in the portal bears no relation to the efficient delivery of the content itself. Rather, the customization of the content in Baber mostly pertains to the contextual mix of content.

Importantly, content delivered to individual users is pre-defined as "units of content". The units of content are configured for use with particular servers and are not selectably configurable by the end users themselves. Rather, the units of content which can be included within a portal page in Baber must be defined and pre-configured by a server administrator. In this regard, Baber differs substantially from the invention disclosed in the Patent Application. In accordance with the Applicant's invention, content designated for inclusion in a portal page can

be so designated not by the server administrator, but by the end user using a graphical selection process as illustrated in Figures 5 and 6 of the Patent Application. Moreover, such preferences can be stored on an individual basis for the benefit of the end user. Additionally, by referencing real time and non-real time elements of a portal page in separate portal components, at least the non-real time components can be updated off-line so as to accelerate the delivery of the portal page.

In the Examiner's remarks of the Final Office Action, the Examiner correctly observes that the Baber system permits the user to select a profile which can impact how the content is arranged in a view of the content page. Referencing Figure 12 of the Baber specification, the Examiner observed that the user can graphically select a profile which in turn can cause a different rendering of the content in the content page. Nevertheless, the explicit language of presently amended claim 1 ably distinguishes the Applicant's invention over that which has been disclosed in Baber. Specifically, the explicit claim language of all of the Applicant's claims require the graphical selection of a web page field by an end user. In Baber, at best a profile can be selected graphically by the end user. Moreover, the determination of how content is to be arranged in a content page for any particular profile is selected not by the end user, but by an administrator. Thus, Baber differs significantly from the claimed invention in two ways: (1) the graphical selection of a web page field; and, (2) the selection of the web page field for inclusion in a content page by an end user (and not an administrator).


The marked distinction between the Applicant's invention and the technology described in Baber has been considered in the amendments to claims. Specifically, the terms "graphically" and "user" have been added to independent claim 1 to emphasize that the web page fields of the

web pages for use in the portal page can be graphically selected for inclusion in the portal page by the end user, and that the selections can be stored in a user database. Support for these claim amendments can be found in page 7, lines 6 through 23 of the Patent Application. Accordingly, by virtue of the Applicant's amendments, no new matter has been added.

In conclusion, the Applicant believes that the amended claims 1 through 10 distinguish over the cited art and stand patentable and ready for an indication of allowance. To that end, the Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) based upon the Applicant's amendments to the claims, and owing to the foregoing remarks. This entire application is now believed to be in condition for allowance. Consequently, such action is respectfully requested. The Applicants request that the Examiner call the undersigned if clarification is needed on any matter within this Amendment, or if the Examiner believes a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of the subject application to completion.

Respectfully submitted,

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